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REPLACEMENT OF PREFECTS AT CATANIA, ENNA & MESSINA
SEPT. 1944 - MAR. 1945

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MINUTE SHEET NO. 8

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27 Feb.	Maj. H. - Ref. p. 32. Inform Minister, please RPT (18) (19)	32
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note -	letter p. 33 written after conference with V.P. on 28 Feb.	
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Director

Feb. 27.

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note - letter p. 33 written after conference with V.P. on 28 Feb. RRT.

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MINUTE SHEET NO. 7

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	action was contemplated by the Italian Government which would indicate their recognition of the past good services. I pointed out further that in the case of STANCANELLI, we had been definitely informed that public reaction was that the latter was kicked out of office for incompetence and graft.
	3. Dr. BERRUTI produced the official files and extracted therefrom copies of cables of commendation which had been sent to the two officials. In the case of FAZIO, two cables had been sent, one of them dated 6 Oct. FAZIO acknowledged receipt of these.
	4. In the case of STANCANELLI; the telegram of thanks was sent on 30 September 1944 by the Prime Minister. No reply was received from STANCANELLI.
	5. Dr. BERRUTI said that no public statement had been made, but there was nothing to prevent both FAZIO and STANCANELLI from giving to the press copies of the cables. He further said that as a matter of fact that is usually done by an official. The telegrams were not coded and the contents were probably known by the entire office in the Prefettura concerned.
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R.R. Temple

R. B. TEMPLE, Major
Local Government S/C

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Jan. 18. *Lt. (1) & (12) affixed. L.* 3485

Jan. 19 *Director - For your signature, please. R.R.T.* 28

Feb. 3. *Director - See 19. R.C. has not replied. Have you any observations as to results of your tour? (15)* 19.

P.A. Lt. What yet? Calendar 14 days. Had reminder.

" 3 *S/Sgt - Calendar as in (16) please CGW* *Noted*

Nov. 3.

New dir.

Dec. 26 Cabled - loaded - p. 28/181A - Gf.

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Jan 3

Staff

Calendar May Williams for 18th Jan. 19.

Noted. Hw.

Jan. 11.

Director

Please see no 22 + memo. at no. 23 *Gsf* 22 23

Jan 12

Eg I do not consider this big enough book (P.H.)
 than of hkt. for personal interviews. *the* August 84
 Temple to see Berruti. H. ask if nothing is
 indicated as to any return is contemplated. *L*

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13 Jan. 45

Director:

 Subject: STANCANELLI, Ex-Prefect of Messina
 FAZIO " " " Catania

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1. Pursuant to your instructions in Minute 11, I interviewed Dr. BERRUTI on 17 January at his office in the Ministry. Present also was Dr. CAMERA. D. MODIANO acted as interpreter.
2. I refreshed Dr. BERRUTI's recollection of the STANCANELLI and FAZIO cases as outlined in folio p. 23 and asked if any

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Feb. 18

5. Notify Minister that we have in view of his report decided to agree to the removal from office of Stancanelli. We hold that his past good services to Acc. will receive due recognition from the Italian Govt.

We take it as understood there will be no further demand to remove Bruno from his office. We hold this Prefetto Reggenti in high regard -

It is requested that some other Prefetto than Stella will be found to replace Stancanelli, since Prefect Stella is definitely required for the North.

W. M. I.

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Oct. 5.

5. Please note 4 - make any consequential alterations in schedules as necessary. He should fit in for ~~Winters~~ Ferrara or Modena.

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MEMORANDUM NO. 4

DATE

date

Sept 23

Divella

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1. Please see #7 + 7A B C. — There seem to agree with the result of your recent interview with Bonanni

2. We can now agree to (a) the removal of Stancanelli;
(b) the retention of Bruno.

3. As to substituting Stella for Stancanelli, however, you recollect you decided this afternoon that we want him for the north. CGW

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7A B+C

Sep. 23.

V.D.

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In my judgement, as Bonanni pressed this point with me personally, we must in view of 7 at request agree to removal of Stancanelli (Penna).

They have dropped the removal of Bruno in our letter. for Enna.

The Ital. Govt. have also stated that they propose to give some form of decoration to both Fasio & Stancanelli

It is a national Italy, — I think we must agree to Stancanelli's song — I propose to notify them.

As I accordingly. No. 7 in above?

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De A. M. 41
51.

Yes. 9/23/41

MINUTE SHEET No. 3

(5)

DATE

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Apr. 16.

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Please to draft Ital. Govt
Colony No. New I.Being in No I's para 4 is direct
terms.

Done. p. 6.

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MINUTE SHEET NO. 2

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(Minute 2, continued)

5. On the merits of each individual case, RC advises: -
 - a. to let FAZIO of GATANIA go;
 - b. to keep BRUNO of ENNA; and
 - c. to keep STANCANELLI of MESSINA

6. Considerations of the general ACC policy as to Sicily arise, because
 - a. Sicily has been troublesome over politics and grain-collection;
 - b. A new High Commissioner and a new RC have been appointed, with the object, presumably, of settling these troubles; and therefore
 - c. The ACC-Italian admin. in Sicily should present a united and firm front.
7. On the whole, however, I suggest we should not be justified in giving way on BRUNO and STANCANELLI, against the RC's advice and merely in order to support the new High Commissioner.
8. Important questions of policy are involved and I suggest the matter be submitted to the V. P.
9. Cards herewith.

Chad

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V.P. Please see 34. • Capt. Williams

minute ③.

Mario has been me on this matter

personally.

My recommendations are that we withdraw Italian Govt we consent to removal from Sicily, Enna, Antania, but in view of

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14.18.

V.P. Please see 34. • C. Caris Williams
minute ②.

Adino has been me on this matter

personally.

My recommendations are that we notify

Italian Govt. we consent to removal from

Office of Fazio Antonio, but in view of

excellent reviews rendered by non-career

Professors BRUNO and STANCANELLI, cannot ³⁴⁸⁰

agree to their removal at present without fear

more weight reasons being stated for their

removal. The supply of career official Professors

is already dangerously low.

Int.

Agreed. Please notify

Italian Govt & R.C. Sicily. It entirely

agree with para 4 of Brig Com's letter.

C. Caris

15 Sep

Adino/Incar
Adino

MEMORANDUM NO. /

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1. Refer to AR Reg I with whited cards
 2. State all 3 cannot be removed
 from appointments without ARS. consent.
 3. From the information in our possession
 it would appear that we have no serious
 grounds to resist the application in
 regard to Fazio Antonio, but
 that also for as Stancavelli Antonio
 Bruno Attilio
 are concerned, the matter will require
 deep consideration.

One way think fit to consult the
 Adrio in the matter.

I have attached for your views

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 regard to Fazio Antonio, but
 that also for as Stancarelli Antonio
 Bruno Attilio
 are concerned, the matter with require
 ded consideration.

You may think fit to consult the
 Medico in the matter.

I shall be grateful for your views
 on definite recommendations in the
 matter as early as possible.

Done. see p. 2.

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14 Sep 44

DIRECTOR

1. Please see letter from RC I, at No. 3.
2. RC presents 2 alternative views, according to whether it is or is not the accepted policy that all Sicily prefects should be career officials.
3. It is not the policy of this HQ that non-career prefects should be replaced as a matter of general principle. It may be the Ital. Govt's policy to which ACC has deferred in individual cases: it has never been adopted as a rule of ACC policy.
4. Therefore the RCs observations on the merits are all that need be considered.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

NC/4/2/93/1G

Tel: 620

SUBJECT: Prefect of Catania--VITELLI Dott. Giovanni.

1 March 1945

TO : His Excellency the Minister of the Interior.

Your Excellency:

1. Reference your letter of 16 December 1944, file No. 16970.
2. In view of the Aide Memoire communicated to the Italian Government by the Acting President and the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission on 24 February 1945, it is no longer necessary to obtain the approval of the Allied Commission for Italian appointments in territory under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, with the exception of certain positions having military significance.
3. Accordingly, it is not necessary to obtain the approval of the Allied Commission for the appointment of Dott. VITELLI as Prefect of Catania.

RRL/pec

for E. G. B. SEIGER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

RR7

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RRT/pec

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for
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Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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PRT/pec

for R. G. B. STICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

OFFICE: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
PHONE: 15535 EXT 1

26 FEB 1945

FILE: RC/014.12

24 Feb 1945

SUBJECT: Prefect of Catania - Dott. VITELLI
TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
 (Att: Local Government subcommission)

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With reference to your AC/4/1/93/12 of 19 DEC 44, the opinion of this Headquarters of Dott. VITELLI, based on the views of the late Provincial Commissioner, Lt. Col. Walker, and of the Acting Provincial Commissioner, is as follows.

Dott. VITELLI Gianni Augusto is a very capable and efficient Prefect. He is intelligent, has got tact and drive, and generally has all the qualities of a good administrator.

During his early days in office, he quickly appreciated the situation and has since gained the confidence of his staff and of those who have come into contact with him.

He is not considered to be a man of strong determination and it is difficult to estimate what would be his reactions in a crisis or in the event of serious disturbances.

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M. CAN
 Brigadier
 Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/4/1/93/LG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Prefect of Catania.

22 February 1945

TO : RG Sicilia Region.

1. I refer to my letter of 19 December on this subject.
2. I wonder if you are now in a position to express an opinion on VITELLI, so that I can reply to the proposal of the Ministry of the Interior to appoint him the substantive Prefect of Catania. You will remember that on CLAMMICHIELLO's recall, VITELLI was sent on temporary mission only, and that is still his position.

cc/m/pec

for
R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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SUBJECT: Note of interview (Local Government 3/C offices) with
Lt. Col. Walker, former PC for Eastern Sicily.

DATE : 21 February 1945 - 1545 hours.

1. Lt. Col. Walker said he had called to clarify the position of GIAMICHELE, the former Prefect of Catania, who he felt was not primarily to blame for the way in which the riots in that town had been handled.
2. Police organization was conspicuous by its absence. They were all scattered about in small groups, ~~if anything~~ trying to guard every building of importance. When the Prefect learned in the afternoon that the Municipio was going up in flames, he called for police reinforcements and was told by the Questore that there were none. The Major of the CC.RR was out of town: Lt. Col. Walker thinks he knew there was trouble coming and had taken the opportunity "to visit a sick relative". Actually, there were some 35 CC.RR hiding in the barracks and Lt. Col. Walker's Executive Officer discovered them there later on.
3. On finding--or on being told rightly or wrongly--that there were no police reserves, the Prefect telephoned the PC for permission to call out Italian troops. On arrival at the Prefecture, everyone was running around in circles and GIAMICHELE had certainly lost his head: but it was not his fault that he had no police available.
4. Neither the CC.RR or PS had any "riot drill" or other plans made in advance for dealing with such a situation.
5. In Lt. Col. Walker's opinion, the man most to blame was ARDIZZONE, the Sindaco. He was in the Municipio with the Giunta when the crowd began to assemble and if he had gone to the balcony and addressed a couple of sentences to them, he could have stopped it all, instead of which he sneaked out of the Municipio by the back door and insisted on the "vigili urbani" escorting him home instead of doing their proper job. He is the owner of a local newspaper, which is now beginning to play him up again.
6. Lt. Col. Walker thinks that GIAMICHELE was recalled because he is the only one of those responsible who is not a Sicilian, and, therefore, has no local pull like ARDIZZONE.
7. He is anxious, therefore, that GIAMICHELE should not be penalized too much. I said I didn't think he would be. He was "at disposition" at the moment and drawing his basic pay. As soon as the Sicilian affair had blown over sufficiently, I felt sure the Government would re-employ him either in the Ministry of the Interior or in some more quiet province. They are so short of Prefects that I didn't think they could afford not to do so. Lt. Col. Walker thinks GIAMICHELE a conscientious and honest man, with some genuine concern for the welfare of the people in his province: but he is an unimpressive and weak man--weaker than most Prefects--and while he is quite good behind the desk keeping the administrative machine turning over, he is ~~quite~~ ³⁴⁷⁵ ~~not~~ ^{not} capable of coping with an emergency.

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8. Lt. Col. Walker said that VITELLI, the Prefect who took GIANNICHELE's place on temporary mission, is a different type. He has personality, charm and culture and is more of a diplomat than a clerk, as so many Prefects are, but he decides problems along lines which would cause him the least trouble, whereas GIANNICHELE was more inclined to decide them on the lines that would do the most good for the people of his province. Lt. Col. Walker said he had put in a report on VITELLI just before he had left.

9. Of the Prefects of the other three provinces which were under his jurisdiction, Lt. Col. Walker said that RAFFANA of Ragusa (recently transferred from Sardinia) and STELLA of Messina were desk administrators of the ordinary type. The third--COCCUZZA of Siracusa--showed more energy and decision: he had a real concern for the distresses of the people in his province and was, Lt. Col. Walker thought, really striving to do his best.



C. G. R. WILLIAMS
Major
Local Government Sub Commission

CGRW/pec

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Gen. Dir. of General Affairs and Personnel

File 5000 Pers. Sec.1

18th of January 1945

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION - Local Government S/O

SUBJECT : Movement of Personnel

So as to assure the necessary quantity of personnel of group A) to carry out the vicarious and inspective functions in several Prefectures, the Ministry, keeping in view the informations sent to us by this Commission and by the Offices in question, we propose the following movement of personnel :

- 1) - GRASSI Dott. Mario - Vice Prefect Inspector - from Trapani to Pisa with inspective functions.
- 2) - CALMO Dott. Luigi - 1st class Consigliere - from Messina to Trapani with inspective functions.
- 3) - DE FELICE Dott. Francesco - Vice Prefect Inspector - from Trapani to Siracusa with vicarious functions.
- 4) - RIVELA Dott. Nicola - Vice Prefect Inspector - from Reggio Calabria to Catanzaro with vicarious functions.
- 5) - TINAGLIA Dott. Luigi - Vice Prefect Inspector - from Palermo to Cosenza - with vicarious functions.
- 6) - BRANCIA Dott. Gastone - Vice Prefect Inspector - from Cosenza to Reggio Calabria with vicarious functions.
- 7) - VADALA Dott. Riccardo - Vice Prefect Inspector - from disposition to A-quila with vicarious functions.

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We enclose the/biographical notices of the officials included in the above movement and ask the Commission to kindly let us know their decisions regarding the above.

FOR THE MINISTER
(Micale)

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Action taken on file 4/11/51

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/4/1/93/LG

Tel: 478706

SUBJECT: STANCANELLI, Ex-Prefect of Messina
FAZIO, Ex-Prefect of Catania

20 January 1945

TO : RC Sicily Region.

1. Reference your letter of 2 January 1945 (file RC/014.12). Major Temple took this matter, as well as the case of FAZIO, Ex-Prefect of Catania, up personally with the Chief of Cabinet in the Ministry of the Interior, who produced the official files and extracted from them carbon copies of cables of commendation which had been sent to the two officials by the Prime Minister on 30 September 1944. Inasmuch as FAZIO did not receive his telegram in due time, a second was sent to him on 6 October. Meanwhile, he had received the first message and replied by telegram on 5 October.
2. STANCANELLI never replied to his message. The Ministry have stated that although they did not issue any public statement, there was nothing to prevent the Ex-Prefects from giving the telegrams to the press for publication. As a matter of fact, the Ministry state that that is done usually.
3. I enclose copies of the telegrams in Italian with English translations. I expect to be in Sicily shortly, at which time I will discuss this matter with you further.

R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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Encls. as in (3) above.

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Ref. 1410

ROME, 17 January 1945

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
R O M E

We forward a copy of the telegrams sent on 30th September 1944 to the regent Prefects Stancanelli Antonio and Fazio Antonio at the time of their replacement.

As Avv. Fazio did not receive the telegram in due time, a second was sent to him on 6th October 1944, a copy of which is also enclosed. Meanwhile, he received the first message and replied by telegram, a copy of which is also included.

BY ORDER OF THE MINISTER
CHIEF OF CABINET
/s/

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

AVV. ANTONIO STANCANELLI
Regent Prefect
MESSINA

ROME, 30 September 1944

7700 Cab. The Council of Ministers has approved the assignment of a career Prefect to your Province. As Your Excellency leaves the regency of the Prefecture, I take great pleasure in thanking you for the work done in such an exceedingly difficult period and express my satisfaction with the results obtained.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR BONOMI

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

ROME, 30 September 1944

AVV. ANTONIO FAZIO
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CATANIA

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR BONOMI

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ROME, 6 October 1944

H E Antonio Fazio

Prefect Regent CATANIA and for information to High Commissioner of Sicily

PALERMO

No. 8358 Cab. at no. 4169 Stop As Your Excellency has already been made aware, the Government is very grateful for your efficient and useful work carried out in your Office. We wish to add that, as it is evident, the Government has also taken particular consideration of your desire to return to private life in taking steps to replace you. Again many thanks for the work you have done.

President of the Council
Minister of Interior
/s/ Bonomi

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

FROM CATANIA - 5/10/1944 - 12/50 hrs.

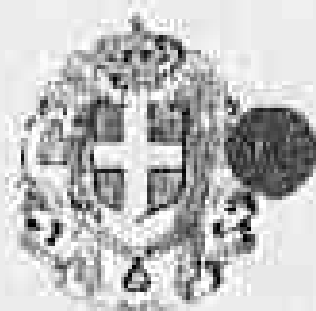
arrived on the 6th at 12/50 hrs.

PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS - Cab. P/za
R O M E

No. 4169 - I thank Your Excellency for your flattering statements on my account.
I am ready to present (?) myself at the office as from now

PREFECT FAZIO

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Ministero dell'Interno
Gabinetto

Versione 1410 *Da*
Rel. N. *Allegati* 4

OGGETTO

Roma 17 gennaio 1945

18 JAN 1945

Alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione Governo
Locale R O M A

Risposta al f. del
Da *Da* *N.*

Si trasmette copia dei telegrammi inviati in data 30 settembre 1944 ai prefetti reggenti Stancanelli Antonio e Fazio Antonio all'atto della loro sostituzione.

All'Avv. Fazio, che non lo aveva ricevuto tempestivamente, fu inviato un secondo telegramma in data 6 ottobre us. che si unisce anche in copia. Nel frattempo egli aveva ricevuto il primo telegramma e rispose col telegramma di cui si acclude pure copia.

D'ORDINE DEL MINISTRO
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Perenti

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COPIA DI TELEGRAMMA

DA CATANIA = 5/10/1944 ORE 12/50 ARR. ORE 18 DEL 6

PRESIDENZA CONSIGLIO MINISTRI ROMA
(Gab. F/za)

N° 4169 RINGRAZIO ECCELLENZA VOSTRA LUSINGHIERE
ESPRESSIONI MIO RIGUARDO ALT PRONTO FARE CONOSCENZA
UFFICIO SIN DA QUESTO MOMENTO

PREFETTO FAZIO

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COPIA DI TELEGRAMMA

Roma, 30 settembre 1944

AVV. ANTONIO PAZIO
Prefetto ReggenteCATANIA

7881 GAB CONSIGLIO MINISTRI HABET APPROVATO DESTINAZIONE
CODESTA PROVINCIA PREFETTO CARRIERA PUNTO NELL'ATTO IN CUI
LA S.V. LASCIA REGGENZA CODESTA PREFETTURA MI EST GRADITO
FARLE PERVENIRE MIO RINGRAZIAMENTO PER L'OPERA SVOLTA IN
PERIODO ECCEZIONALMENTE DIFFICILE ET ESPRESSIONE MIO COM-
PIACIMENTO PER RISULTATI CONSEGUITI

PRESIDENTE CONSIGLIO MINISTRO INTERNO BO BONOMI

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COPIA DI TELEGRAMMA

Roma, 30 settembre 1944

AVV. ANTONIO STANCANELLI
Prefetto ReggenteMESSINA

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CODESTA PROVINCIA PREFETTO CARRIERA PUNTO NEEL'ATTO IN CUI
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PIACIMENTO PER RISULTATI CONSEGUITI

PRESIDENTE CONSIGLIO MINISTRO INTERNO BONOMI

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COPIA DI TELEGRAMMA

Roma, 6 ottobre 1944

S.E. AVV. ANTONIO FAZIO
Prefetto Reggente CATANIA
et per conoscenza
ALTO COMMISSARIO SICILIA
PALERMO

N.8358 GAB AT N° 4169 STOP COME GIA' EST STATO FATTO
PRESENTE AT VOSTRA ECCELLENZA GOVERNO LE EST PARTICOLAR-
MENTE GRATO PER EFFICACE UTILE ATTIVA OPERA SVOLTA DA V.E.
PRESSO CODESTA SEDE STOP SOGGIUNGESI CHE COME EST CVVIO
GOVERNO HABET ALTRESI' TENUTO PARTICOLARMENTE PRESENTE
SUO DESIDERIO RITORNARE AT VITA PRIVATA NEL DISPORRE SUA
SOSTITUZIONE STOP RINNOVANSI RINGRAZIAMENTI PER OPERA
SVOLTA

PRESIDENTE CONSIGLIO MINISTRO INTERNO BONOMI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/471/93/LC

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: STANCANELLI, Ex-Prefect of Messina.

11 January 1945

TO : Col. R.G.S. Spicer.
Director, Local Government S/C

1. Reference letter from RC Sicily at No. 22. The facts are as follows:

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(b) We consulted RC who agreed to FAZIO of Catania going, but advised retention of BRUNO and STANCANELLI:

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(f) On 31 October, Lt. De Bellis, PA to RC, called and later in the day the RC himself. They saw Capt. Temple in your absence (see note of interview at No. 14).

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3. When agreeing to the removal of FAZIO of Catania, we said that the Minister would agree that the good services done to Italians as well as Allies by FAZIO should be recognized and that it should be made clear his dismissal did not reflect on him personally, and we asked the Minister to let us know the best method of doing this. (See No. 6 para 4). This was done in consequence of a suggestion by the RC: and see your note in Minute 5--"discreet terms". The Ministry never replied on this.

4. And when agreeing to STANCANELLI's dismissal, we said we hoped that his past good services both to Italy and the Allies would receive due recognition. (See No. 9 para 2). According to the file, the Italian Government have never undertaken to do this.

5. The Italian Government have obviously done nothing of the kind in my opinion do not intend to if they can avoid it. On the other hand, the granting of some recognition was not a condition of our agreement for the removal of FAZIO and STANCANELLI: we merely made a suggestion and expressed a hope.

6. What you had in mind was some decoration or some official communique in the press.

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7. On the other hand, I do think we have a strong moral obligation to look after these two.

8. I suggest this point best be dealt with in a personal interview between you and the Minister himself.

9. As to STANCANELLI being Prefect elsewhere, I think that is impossible. He is a non-career man appointed to Messina simply because he was locally known and knew the locality. For a northern province, he would have neither local knowledge nor administrative training. And incidentally, the Italian Government would obviously never agree to it. It is all the more desirable, therefore, that there be some public recognition of his past services.



C. G. R. WILLIAMS
Major
Local Government Sub Commission

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4/1/93
ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

OFFICE: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
 PHONE: 13555 EXT 1

5 JAN 1945

FILE:RC/014.12

2 Jan 1945

SUBJECT: EX-Prefect of Messina - Stancanelli
 TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
R O M E
 (Att: Local Government Subcommittee)

Reference EX-Prefect of Messina, Stancanelli,
 and conversation Lt Debellis - Capt Temple.

1. EX-Prefect Stancanelli has been interviewed and he states that if called upon by the Allies he is willing to serve as a prefect in the north but not so if called by the Italian Government.
2. The Italian Government has as of today still not bestowed any recognition for the past good works of this gentleman in agreement of your AC/4/1/93/INT of 25 SEP 44, para 2, nor any public statement from Rome or from the High Commissioner's Office has been printed in the local press recognising Stancanelli's past services.
3. The general feeling in Messina Province is that the Prefect was kicked out for incompetence and graft. As you well know this is not the case.

For the Regional Commissioner

Handwritten: 5/3/45

Handwritten signature: A.C. Debellis
 A.C. Debellis
 1st Lt P.A.
 P.A. to Regional Commissioner

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GENERAL COMMAND OF THE ROYAL CARABINIERI

DEC 1944

Service Office - Personnel and Liaison Section

Rome the 14th of December, 1944

N. 39/65 R/P

SUBJECT : Catania - Public Demonstration -

TO H.E. THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR
TO H.E. THE MINISTER OF WAR
TO H.E. THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR
THE INTERIOR
TO H.E. THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF
OF THE R. Army
and for information to :
TO H.E. THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS

R O M E

I transcribe the following of the Group CC.RR. of Catania dated to-day:

"In Catania, the 14th of this month, towards 11 a'clock, about 500 people headed by the student elements went to the Local Military District to protest against the recent call to arms. When they arrived a bomb was thrown at them, by elements that haven't been identified yet, and killed one of the demonstrators, wounding lightly another. After this deplorable incident, also for the intervention of the public force the demonstrators disbanded and assembled in small Groups in the different parts of the town. where, incited by turbulent elements, they assaulted some military vehicles burning them. They occupied the provincial ~~tax~~ Draft-Board which they tried to burn and they damaged the main office of the Italian Youth Union, the uilding "Corriere Sicilia" and the Palace of Justice. Towards 3 a'clock they assaulted the City-Hall and from it's balconies they threw furniture and documents finally putting the building on fire, which is still going on. The demonstration is still continuing. We shall give you further particulars later.

THE GENERAL OF ARMY CORPS
GENERAL COMMANDER
TADDEO ORLANDO.

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COPIARISERVATO PERSONALE

COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CARABINIERI REALI

Ufficio Servizio - Situazione e collegamenti

N° 39/65 R.P.

Roma, 14 dicembre 1944

Oggetto : Catania - Dimostrazione popolare.=

A S.E. IL MINISTRO DELL'INTERNO
 A S.E. IL MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA
 A S.E. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
 PER L'INTERNO
 A S.E. IL CAPO DI S.M. GENERALE
 A S.E. DI S.M. R. ESERCITO
 e per conoscenza :
 A S.E. IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
 DEI MINISTRI

R O M A

Trascrivo la seguente del Gruppo CC.RR. di Catania
 in data odierna:

" In Catania, il 14 corrente, verso ore 11, circa 500 persone capitanate da elemento studentesco si recarono locale Distretto Militare per protestare contro recente chiamata armi. Giunti luogo venne lanciata contro essi, da elementi non ancora individuati, una bomba che uccise uno dei dimostranti ferendone leggermente un altro. Dopo tale increscioso incidente, anche per intervento forza pubblica dimostranti si sbandarono adunandosi in piccoli nuclei in diverse località della città ove aizzati da torbidi elementi assaltarono alcuni automezzi militari bruciandoli. Occuparono l'ufficio provinciale leva che tentarono dare alle fiamme et danneggiarono sede Unione Giovanile Italiana, edificio " Corriere Sicilia" et Palazzo Giustizia. Verso ore 15 assaltarono Municipio dai cui balconi lanciarono mobili et incartamenti dando infine fuoco all'edificio che tuttora sta bruciando. Dimostrazione continua. Riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni"

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARM.
 COMANDANTE GENERALE
 F.to TADDEO ORLANDO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

(20)

AG/4/1/93/LG

SUBJECT: Prefect of Catania.

Recd. Tau. 18

Tel: 478190

19 December 1944

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency:

1. I have received your letter No. 16970 dated 16 December and the Allied Commission raise no objection to its recall of Dott. GIAMMICHELE and the sending to Catania on temporary mission of Dott. VITELLI. A further communication will be sent with reference to the proposal to appoint Dott. VITELLI to be Prefect of the Province.

*R. G. B. SPICER**for*

R. G. B. SPICER

Colonel

Director

Local Government Sub Commission

CCRN/pec

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/1/1/93/IG

Tel: 478190

19 December 1944

SUBJECT: Prefect of Catania.

TO : RC Sicilia Region.

1. I refer to my signal 478107 of 16 December and enclose for your information a copy of Capt. Temple's note of his interview with the Ministry of the same date.
2. You will observe that this HQ has agreed to GIAMMICHIELLE's recall but has reserved the question of VITELLI's definitive appointment as Prefect in his place. VITELLI is at Catania on temporary mission only. Before agreeing or otherwise to his being actual Prefect, I should like your observations.
3. The Ministry have now made formal application for approval to Dott. VITELLI's appointment of Prefect and have sent the enclosed particulars about him. He is not personally known to this Sub Commission.
4. As soon as you have had an opportunity of forming an opinion on VITELLI, will you please let me have your views.

for
R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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Encls. as in (1) and (3) above.

Reminders sent 13/2 JFW.
" " 22/2 see page 31.

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Cabinet

16th of December, 1944

FILE : 16970

1 DEC 1944

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSIONSUBJECT : Prefecture of Catania .-

Following the incidents which happened in Catania, it has been deemed necessary to provide for the immediate substitution of the Prefect Florindo Gianmichele, who proved incapable of meeting the situation.

We have therefore sent urgently in mission the Prefect dott. Giovanni Vitelli, awaiting that the relative measure be approved ~~by the Council of Ministers~~ ~~by the Council of Ministers~~ by the Council of Ministers and has the consent of this Commission.

We include a short biographical note of the Prefect Vitelli, who will reach Catania to-morrow by air.

BY ORDER OF THE MINISTER
The Chief of Cabinet

Received 26/12/44 -

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Born in 1890

Began his career in 1914

Nominated Prefect in 1936

Nominated Prefect in 1936
He held the offices of : Apuania - Pavia - Ministry
Cabinet for a month in the Ministry

Nominated Prefect in 1950
He held the offices of : Apuania - Pavia - Ministry
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In the event of his assassination, he was at once substituted by the Prefect Pagnozzi

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as having the qualification of officer of the militia,
Judgments always favourable and concordant show that he is ^{an accomplished} complete official, amongst
the best Prefects, that we have to-day at our disposition.

Received - 26/12/44 JK

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Ministero dell'Interno
Gabinetto

16 dicembre 1941

La Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione Governo
Locale R O M A

Divisione Legale
Prot. N. 16970

Risposta al f. del 16970
In 16970

OGGETTO: Prefettura Catania.

In seguito agli incidenti verificatisi a Catania, si è manifestato necessario provvedere alla immediata sostituzione del prefetto dott. Florindo Giammichele, dimostratosi incapace a fronteggiare la situazione.

Si è pertanto disposto l'invio urgente in missione del prefetto dott. Giovanni Vitelli, in attesa che il relativo provvedimento sia perfezionato con il consenso di codesta Commissione e l'approvazione del Consiglio dei Ministri.

Si acclude una breve nota biografica del Prefetto Vitelli, il quale raggiungerà in aereo domani Catania.

D'ORDINE DEL MINISTRO
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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Ministero dell'Interno

1. DEC 1944 (20)

VITTORI Dr. Giovanni - Prefetto di I^a classe
nato a Genova nel 1890, entrato in carriera nel 1914, nominato
Prefetto nel 1936, ha ricoperto le sedi di: Armania, Savia, Mi-
nistero.

E' stato Capo Gabinetto per un mese del Ministro Ricci
(Gabinetto Badoglio). - Dopo l'occupazione tedesca fu subito so-
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Giudizi sempre in tutto favorevoli e concordi lo indicano come funzionario completo, tra i migliori prefetti, oggi disponibili.

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AC/4/1/93/LG

SUBJECT: Note of interview--Ministry of Interior (Dr. BERRUTI)
Prefect of Catania, GIAMMICHELE.

DATE : 16 December 1944

1. Dr. BERRUTI stated that the Prime Minister is of the opinion that the Prefect GIAMMICHELE did not take proper action in the recent Catania rioting episode and that Public Security agencies were not properly directing their functions. The Minister also thought that GIAMMICHELE could no longer stay as Prefect. The Ministry proposed to send H.E. VITELLI, who was recently cleared of epuration charges and at disposition in Rome, on a special mission to Catania to take over the functions of Prefect temporarily. This is in accordance with the present right which the Government has to send officials on special missions.

2. A letter was being sent to the Allied Commission for its approval on the eventual appointment of VITELLI as Prefect. GIAMMICHELE was to report to Rome. Dr. BERRUTI stated that High Commissioner ALDISIO had been consulted and approved. At my request, Dr. BERRUTI agreed to send a copy of the report they had on the Catania rioting incident.

3. I informed BERRUTI that we would not interpose any objection to the sending of VITELLI on a special mission and would formally inform them as to our position on the request that VITELLI be appointed Prefect to replace GIAMMICHELE.

R. R. Temple
RALPH R. TEMPLE
Captain
Local Government Sub Commission

RRT/pec

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4/1/93

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RC SICILIA REGION (FOR ACTION)

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RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IS SENDING DOCTOR VITELLI CMA A PROSPER
CMA TO CATANIA ON SPECIAL MISSION TO TAKE OVER FUNCTIONS OF GIAMBICHILE
WHO IS BEING RECALLED TO ROME PD

PARAN TO RC SICILIA REGION FOR ACTION FROM HEADQUARTERS ALCON FROM LOCAL
GOVERNMENT SIGNED STONE PARAN

PARA TWO PD FORMAL APPROVAL BY ALLIED COMMISSION IS TO BE BOUGHT FOR THE
DESIGNATION OF VITELLI AS PROSPER OF CATANIA PD VITELLI IS TO LEAVE ROME
TOMORROW SEVENTEEN DECEMBER FOR CATANIA

N. W. DRAGHEFF
MAJOR, AGD
Adjutant

4/1/93
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMEL

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R. R. TEMPLE CAPTAIN

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usé of the carabinieri to arrest young men who have failed to answer the recent call to the colours.

The charge of inefficiency is admitted even by some members of the service. One carabinieri said: "So long as I know that my family has not enough to eat my principal preoccupation will be their welfare, to the exclusion of all else including duty".

It is interesting to note the warm welcome given by the press to the recently instituted night-patrol of the city by allied military police, using 16 vehicles, for the protection of the public.

12 New Prefect of Catania - Commendatore Giannichele

The new Prefect of Catania, Comm. Giannichele, formerly Prefect of Grosseto and until now at the Ministry of the Interior, was to have arrived in Catania at the end of October. Owing to the incidents at Palermo, however, he came earlier.

Comm. Giannichele is a career prefect and his appointment to Catania means the dismissal of Prefect Avv. Fazio, a politician who was appointed Prefect by Angot on the advice of the Archbishop of Catania.

With the arrival of the new prefect a complete reorganization of Italian bureaucratic institutions is envisaged, to enable suburban offices to contribute efficiently to the central government.

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13 Sicilian Bandit Captured

There was much interest in the news that on the 23rd October Giuseppe Russo, head of one of the main armed bands of brigands on the island, was arrested by the police and carabinieri.

Russo's father was killed and he swore a vendetta against the murderer. Later he killed four members of the family in question. For some months the band had been terrorizing Adrano and the neighboring countryside.

Trudu Italo, a deserter from the Sabauda Division, was arrested at the same time, and several local persons who had given shelter to the brigand.

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POLITICAL

10 Interview with Dr. Grilli, Communist Leader, by a P.W.B. official

The Communist leader Dr. Grilli has been in Sardinia for some days and has visited Cagliari and Iglesias. As delegate of the Italian General Confederation of Labour he is interested in forming a Chamber of Labour. He has presided over numerous reunions of the Communist Party and took part in the Christian Democrat Party reunion. He also wrote articles for the newspapers.

Dr. Grilli when interviewed, stated that he had found, especially at Iglesias, conditions of semi-starvation and an almost total lack of shoes and clothing.

He stated that reactionary groups still dominated in many communities of the island. The people want to get rid of these groups but they lack precise political directives so that their efforts more often than not do more harm than good. The press could do much to enlighten the people but paper shortage is such that only very few newspapers are on sale in the larger towns.

Grilli added that it is essential to open communications with continental Italy. There are ships in Sardinian ports, he said, which could be used to carry salt to Italy, especially to Rome, where salt costs 400 lire a kg. Cork and other products could be exported and sulphur, wine and other products available in Italy and not in Sicily imported. A safe route could be arranged and some of the Italian seamen now in the service of the Allies employed.

He found the Sardinian Communist Party functioning normally. It is endeavouring to get the workers to join in the Allies' war effort and to prevent them, notwithstanding their wretched conditions, from making demonstrations. It must be stressed, however, that the position of the workers' is very serious indeed and that urgent measures must be taken for their relief.

As to the recent discussions in the papers on freeing the market, Grilli stated that it would only be an advantage if wages were increased to meet the higher cost of living which would result. A free market is practicable when there are enough commercial products, but when goods are in short supply only people with money can buy which means that the working man has to go without.

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INTERIOR

11 The Carabinieri Reali

The continued public discontent with the police services has been focussed of late on the Carabinieri. A proclamation issued by the commander of this force, General Taddeo Orlando, appears to have awakened public interest.

This proclamation was attacked by various newspapers notably "Unita" and "Italia Libera", on the grounds that it was not in harmony with the traditional apolitical character of the force. General Orlando replied with a second proclamation calling this very tradition to the attention of all ranks.

The grievances against the Carabinieri are of various natures. The most general is that whatever their claims, the Carabinieri cannot by their very constitution and tradition be apolitical at a time when the institutional question is being raised. They are generally regarded as the servants of the monarchy.

Accessory causes of this unpopularity are: alleged inefficiency:

Continued

SUBJECT : Interview with Lt. A. C. DE BELLIS

DATE : 31 October 1944

1. Discussed STANCANELLI situation. Lt. De Bellis feels the RC was ignored--telegrams re STANCANELLI were untrue. There was public feeling ~~that~~ MAG was dissatisfied with him. STANCANELLI would be willing to be a Prefect in Sicily, possibly in the north.
2. I said that the appointment of STANCANELLI now in Sicily would be a slap at ALDISIO--"fait accompli"--but I was disturbed by lack of public recognition by the Italian Government. I asked that the RC send a letter in about this and the matter would then be taken up with the Italian Government.
3. It seems that ALDISIO may resign shortly over the grain collection.

SUBJECT : Interview with Brig. Carr .

DATE : 1 November 1944.

Brig. Carr said to hold up any action until he discusses the matter with De Bellis and then notifies us.

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R. R. Temple
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R. R. TEMPLE
Captain
Local Government Sub Commission

HRU/ cm.

Added 2/14/61

4/1/93

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AMG ANCONA (for action)

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ROUTINE

Local Government S/C

CONFIDENTIAL. PLEASE INFORM DOTTORE GIAMMICHILO RESIDING NINETEEN CORSO UBERTO
SENIGALLIA PAREN TO AMG ANCONA FROM ACC FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT SIGNED STONE
PAREN THAT HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED PREFECT OF CATANIA BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AS
 FROM TEN OCTOBER 89 REQUEST YOU ASSIST HIM RETURN TO ROME WHERE HE IS TO
 REPORT TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

L.T. MONTANT.
 1st.Lt.
 AGD.
 Adjutant.

4/1/93
 WVMC

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/4/1/93/LG

5 October 1944

SUBJECT: Sicilian Prefects

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. Further to my letter ACC/4/1/93/LG of 4 October, I have this morning interviewed Prefect Riccardo VENTURA.
2. Provided that he is entirely free from any question of expunction proceedings, I am quite prepared to accept him as Prefect for a northern province.
3. He states that his son is severely ill and therefore he asked if I would place him as low on the list as possible. This I agreed to do.
4. I understand he is to be held in Rome at the disposition of ACC, and I will therefore communicate with him as soon as a province for which he is required is available, but I would say that this should not be for some many days yet.

/jgt

R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government S/C

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACG/4/1/93/AG

4 October 1944

SUBJECT: Sicilian Prefects

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary which may have been communicated before, as a result of my interview with His Excellency Ferruti this morning, I agree to the posting of Prefect NELLA to Messina and that of Prefect GIAMMIGLIE to Catania.
2. I am only too happy to be able to meet the wishes of your Government in this respect since I realize the application was not made without full consideration, and is highly important from the point of well-being of Sicily.
3. With regard to Prefect VASTURA, I hope to communicate with you in a few days.


R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government S/C

Copy: HC, Sicilia Region
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MINISTERO DELL' INTERNO

GABINETTO

TELEGRAMMA N

30/9/1944 - ore 17-

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA CONTROLLO

SOTTOCOMMISSIONE INTERNI

ROMA

9631 Con Decreto Luogotenenziale in corso Prefetto dott. Florindo
GIAMMICHELE e destinato esercitare sue funzioni Provincia
Messina a decorrere dal 10 ottobre p.v. Pregasi compiacersi
informarne telegrafo interessato attualmente residente Senigallia
Corso Umberto. n.19.

MINISTRO INTERNI

Bonomi

copy to file 4/1/93

With Legislative Decree Prefect dott. Florindo
Giammichele is designated to function in Province
Messina as of 10 October, 1944. Kindly inform
person concerned by cable, who is now living
in Senigallia, Corso Umberto n.19.

Cable sent
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/4/1/93/Int

25 September 1944

SUBJECT: Prefects in Sicily

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to your letter no. 5633-175/1 dated 21 September and to the enclosed copies of telegrams.
2. These have been carefully considered in this Commission, and in view of what is now reported, I am authorized to state that the Allied Control Commission will agree to the removal of the present Prefect of Messina, Avv. STANCANELLI. It is hoped, however, that his past good services both to Italy and to the Allies will receive due recognition from the Italian Government.
3. I assume from your letter that there will be no further request for the removal of the Prefect BRUNO of Enna: we hold this Prefect in high regard.
4. As to the finding of a new Prefect for Messina, we would much prefer some other person to be appointed than Dr. STELLA, whom we would like to have at our disposition for a province in the north. In connection with the movement of Prefects which has been under discussion in the last two days, we have now agreed upon the appointment of Dr. GIAMICHELE to this post, as I have mentioned in my letter of today's date relating to the movement of Prefects.

Copy: RO, Sicilia Region

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R. C. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/4/1/93/Int

25 September 1944

SUBJECT: Prefects in Sicily

TO : RC, Sicilia Region

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For your information, I send you herewith: -

- (1) Copy letter 5633-175/1 (in English) of 21 September from Ministry of Interior to Interior Sub-Commission;
- (2) Copy telegrams (in English) referred to in this letter;
- (3) Copy my reply of today's date;
- (4) Copy my record cards as to:
Dr. GIAMMICHELE . . . to be Prefect of Messina,
Dr. VENTURA to be Prefect of Catania

Encls: as above, 1

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R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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TRANSLATION No. 303

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

File No. E633 175/1

ROME, 21 Sept. 1944

SUBJECT: Prefects - Sicily

28 SEP 1944

TO : A.C.C.
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
R O M E

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In reply to the above letter I must point out that the High Commissioner for Sicily insists on the absolute necessity of replacing immediately the prefect regent of Messina with a prefect by career, adding that right from the beginning of his appointment his orders have been seriously opposed by this prefect whose action is inefficient owing to his many interests in Messina which is his home town.

Attached is a copy of the telegram dated 13 inst, from the said High Commissioner.

This Ministry has also received like requests from local political organizations. Copies of the telegrams are attached.

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Avv. Stancanelli has undoubtedly done much efficient and profitable work, especially during the first months of his administration which must be admitted without reserve, but now however, it does not seem advisable to allow him to remain in office.

If your Commission agrees on the advisability of removing this Prefect, he would be replaced by prefect Luigi Stella, whom the A.M.G. nominated prefect regent of Syracuse at the time Sicily was occupied and who has since held the office of General Secretary of the High

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Commissariat.

Regarding the prefect of Catania we agree with your Commission's considerations. We shall inform you later of the new prefect appointed, setting it out in the movement draft which we shall forward to you before submitting it to the Council of Ministers for approval.

We would be grateful for a reply.

THE MINISTER

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Copy of telegram No. 12194

FROM PALERMO 18/9/1944, 18/30 hrs. cop. 13/15 hrs. of 19th.

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR ROME

(Gab. AGP)

No. 227 SP Discontent city and province Messina rising against Prefect accused of neglecting city interests and of speculation. Please have prefect replaced immediately by prefect by career. If this uncertain situation remains and urgent measures are delayed, I should be obliged to decline all responsibility and resign.

HIGH COMMISSIONER ALDISIO

Copy of telegram No. 11933

FROM MESSINA 13.9.1944 - 9.50 hrs. Arrived: 24 hrs.

EX. ECONOMIC CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT - ROME

(Gab. Seg. pza)

Sicilian society (Unione dei Siciliani) for the Unity of Italy - Section of Messina demands your Excellency urgent necessity replace prefect Stanconelli ~~gukktxxn~~ accused by public proclamations of one-sided attitude and of depriving population of food and liberty.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE 3439

PROVINCE OF MESSINA
LUIGI RUSSO

Copy of telegram No. 11935

FROM MESSINA 18th. 1944 9/50 Hrs. Arrived: 34 Hrs.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

EX. BONOMI (Cab. Seg. pza)

In the interest of this provoked province deprived of every liberty and food provisions request urgent immediate substitution this prefect in compliance with repeated requests of this Provincial Committee of Liberation. Regards.

PRESIDENT ASSOCIATION PENSIONEES PROVINCE
MESSINA - GENERALE ROSSANO GIROLAMO

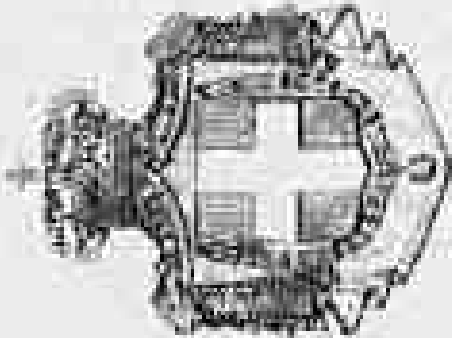
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21 Settembre 1944

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Ala Commissione Alleata di
Controllo - Sottocommissione
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Ministero dell'Interno

GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

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OGGETTO Prefetti - Sicilia

In risposta alla nota sopraindicata devo far presente che l'Alto Commissario per la Sicilia insiste sulla assoluta necessità che il Prefetto reggente di Messina sia sostituito urgentemente con funzionario di carriera, adducendo che sin dai primi giorni della sua nomina le sue direttive hanno incontrato seria resistenza da parte del prefetto la cui azione non consegue la necessaria efficacia, perchè egli è troppo legato all'ambiente locale dal quale proviene.

Si unisce, in copia, il telegramma in data 18 corrente dell'Alto Commissario predetto.

Analoga richiesta è pervenuta a questo Ministero anche da parte di organizzazioni politiche locali, come da telegrammi uniti in copia.

Da ultimo è stato segnalato che il predetto Prefetto ha autorizzato alcuni comuni della provincia a migliorare il prezzo del pane per

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Quantunque le finalità di un siffatto provvedimento non siano riprovevoli, non può non rilevarsi come esso sia stato adottato in contrasto con le disposizioni emanate dal Governo, d'accordo con questa Commissione, circa il prezzo del pane ed è comprensibile come esso sia stato accolto sfavorevolmente dalle popolazioni interessate.

Indubbiamente l'avv. Stancanelli ha svolto, specie nei primi mesi

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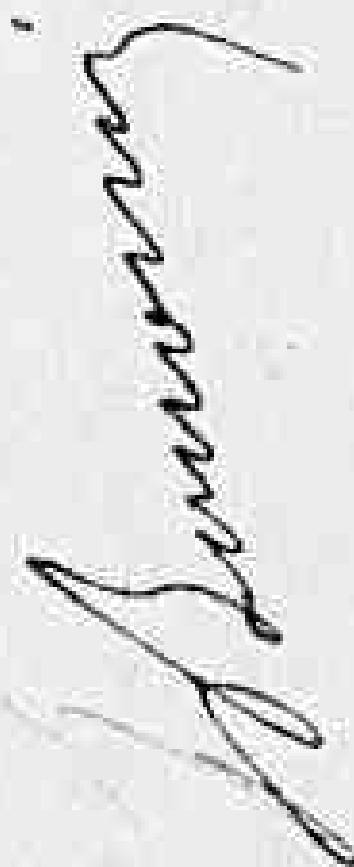
della sua gestione, opera assai efficace e proficua, e di ciò occorre dargli atto senza riserve, ma ora la sua permanenza in carica non appare opportuna.

Qualora codesta Commissione convenga nella opportunità di sostituire il predetto Prefetto, verrebbe nominato in sua vece il prefetto Luigi STELLA, che il Governo Militare Alleato nominò prefetto reggente di Siracusa all'epoca dello sbarco in Sicilia e che successivamente ha ricoperto la carica di Segretario Generale dell'Alto Commissariato.

Per quanto riguarda il prefetto di Catania si conviene nelle considerazioni esposte da codesta Commissione e si fa riserva di comunicare il nominativo del nuovo Prefetto con lo schema di movimento che sarà trasmesso prima di sottoporlo all'approvazione del Consiglio dei Ministri.

Si gradirà un cortese riscontro.

IL MINISTRO



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Copia di telegramma n.º 12194

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Da Palermo 18/9/944 ore 18/30 cop. ore 13/15 del 19

MI-ISTERO I. P. M. I ROMA

(Gab. AGE)

n.º 227 SP Malcontento città e provincia Messina aumenta contro Prefetto accusato di trascurare interessi città e di speculazione. Vivamente prego provvedere sostituzione con Prefetto ca riera. Perdurando questa situazione incerta et rinvio provvedimento urgente sapei obbligh tp declinare qualsiasi responsabilità et rassegnare dimissioni.

AUTO COMMISSARIO AIDISIO

Prefetto accusato di trascurare l'incarico di Prefetto
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ALFONSO COMMISSARIO ALDISIO

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Coria +telegramma No 11933

DA MESSINA 13.3.1944 Ore 9/50 arrivo ore 24

Ecc. BONOMI CAPO GOVERNO ROMA

(Gab. Seg. pra).

Unione dei siciliani pro unita Patria Italiana sezione di Messina
invoca da V.E. urgente indispensabile sostituzione Prefetto
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affamamento popolo e privazione liberta

V. PRESIDENTE COMITATO PROV. MESSINA
LUIGI RUSSO

(Gab. Seg. pra.).

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affamamento popolo e privazione libertà

V. PRESIDENTE COMITATO PROV. MESSINA
LUIGI RUSSO

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Copia di telegramma No 11938

Da Messina 13. .1944 Ore 9/50 arrivo ore 24

PRESIDENTE E CONSIGLIO MINISTRI

Ecc. BOLOGNI (Gab. Seg.pza)

Interesse questa martoriata provincia priva ogni libertà
et viveri invociamo urgentemente e immediata sostituzione questo
Prefetto richiamandoci e iterare richieste anche questo Comitato
provinciale liberazione. Ossequi.

PRESIDENTE ASSOCIAZIONE PENSIONATI PROVINCIA

MESSINA GENERALE ROSSANO GIROLAMO

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Copia di telegramma No 11938

Da Messina 13. .1944 Ore 9/50 arrivo ore 24

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Ecc. BOLOMI (Gab. Seg.pza)

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PRESIDENTE ASSOCIAZIONE PENSIONATI PROVINCIA

MESSINA GENERALE ROSSANO GIROLAMO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/4/1/93/Int

18 September 1944

SUBJECT: Prefects of ENNA, CATANIA, and MESSINA

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to your letter no. 6145 Gabinetto of 30 August.
2. After careful consideration the Allied Control Commission will raise no objection to the removal from office of Avv. Antonino PAZIO, the present Prefect of CATANIA, subject to two observations.
3. I have no doubt Your Excellency will agree that Avv. PAZIO should not leave until his successor has been nominated and agreed upon; and I should be glad to receive your proposal as to the Prefect to take his place. Do you consider Dott. GIAMMICHILE suitable?
4. Your Excellency will also, I feel, agree with me that the good services done to the Italian people as well as to the Allies by Avv. PAZIO should not go without recognition and that it is desirable to make it clear to all concerned that his removal from office casts no reflection upon him personally. I should be glad if you will consider and will let me know what is the best method of achieving this object.
5. As to the Prefects of ENNA and MESSINA (BRUNO and STANCIANELLI), the Allied Control Commission do not feel able to agree to their removal from office at present without far more cogent reasons than have been stated in your letter referred to above. I shall no doubt hear from you further in this regard.

R. G. B. Spicer
Capt.

for R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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11 Sept 1944

SUBJECT: Replacement of Prefects

SEP 1944

TO : H.Q. A.C.C. ROME
R.C. & M.G. Section
(Attention: Interior sub-Commission)

1. With reference to your ACC/4/1/93/INT of 4 SEP on the subject of the replacement of Prefects at CATANIA, MESSINA and ENNA, I have the following views. I have discussed the matter with the High Commissioner.

2. The Prefects of CATANIA, MESSINA and ENNA are, I understand, non-career officials. If it is the accepted policy that all prefects in SICILY should be career officials and the sources of supply permit of this, then I consider that all these three prefects should be changed.

The High Commissioner is of the opinion that all prefects in SICILY should be career officials and that whereas it might be advantageous to employ such officials as BRUNO of ENNA and STANCANELLI of MESSINA as Prefects of certain provinces on the Mainland, the same does not apply in SICILY. The High Commissioner's main point was that in SICILY it was impossible for a non-career official not to be influenced by politics however much he may declare that he had relegated all political feeling to the background. I am inclined to agree with the High Commissioner's opinion as regards the advisability of having career-Prefects.

3. If the supply of career-Prefects does not permit of replacement of all the Prefects in question and necessitates each case being dealt with on its merits, my views are as follows.

I agree with your opinion that we have no serious grounds for resisting a change in the prefect of CATANIA.

As regards BRUNO of ENNA, the High Commissioner once had a high opinion of this official but later he considered that the Prefect's scheme for relieving unemployment by means of certain public works was unsound and that his attitude towards the unemployed sulphur miners was wrong. The High Commissioner was also of the opinion that although at one time BRUNO was keeping out of politics, latterly he had become involved in them again.

I have met this Prefect and discussed provincial

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affairs with him, and he impressed me quite favorably.

I have had little opportunity of forming an opinion in this case but, in view of my predecessor's last report on this Prefect, I recommend that he should be retained if non-career Prefects are still to be permitted in SICILY.

As regards STANCANELLI of MESSINA, the High Commissioner states that many political parties there are complaining of the Prefect's administration. I pointed out that this might be due to the Prefect's efficiency. I have seen this Prefect on more than one occasion and have been favorably impressed. The last time I saw him he stated that owing to the voices that were being raised against him he would have no objection to giving up his appointment and taking again to his legal calling but he was most anxious that he should not leave office under a cloud, as he considered this would be most inequitable. The High Commissioner agreed that STANCANELLI had done some very good work and that he was uncertain as to what the real situation was. He was sending an inspector to find out. My Provincial Commissioner in that area considers it would be most inadvisable to change the Prefect of MESSINA at this juncture.

Unless, therefore, there is a surplus of career-prefects, I consider that STANCANELLI should be retained.

4. If and when any changes affecting the above prefects are made, I consider, in view of the good work that most of them have done at some time or other, there should be no question of their being summarily removed from office. I do not know the details of the procedure used, but I consider that in appropriate cases it is important that it be made known that the changes are due solely to the policy of having career prefects in office wherever possible.

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M. CARR
Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 594

APO/4/1/53/Int

4 September 1944

SUBJECT: Proposed replacement of Prefects - Catania
Messina
Syracuse

TO : DG, Region I

1. Herewith copy letter 6145 Cabinet dated 30 August from the Minister of the Interior, copy English translation.
2. The three Prefects in question being AEC appointments, they cannot of course be removed without the consent of this Headquarters. The object of the Minister's letter appears to be to enquire whether the Allied Control Commission is willing to consider such removal.
3. I enclose for your information copy of my record cards of these three Prefects. From the information in my possession, it would seem that we have no serious grounds for resisting the removal of MULLO, Prefect of Catania. As to MULLO of Enna and STAMANTINI of Messina, however, the matter will require deepest consideration.
4. You may think fit to consult with the High Commissioner on all these cases seeing that the proposal appears to originate with him.
5. I should be grateful to have your views in due course if you will please state definitely in each of the three cases whether or not you recommend the removal of the Prefect in question and his substitution by a career official.


R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Encl: as in 3 and 4 above
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TRANSLATION No. 219

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Cabinet
File No. 6145

ROME, 30 August 1944

SUBJECT: Replacement of Prefects.

TO : A.C.C.
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
R O M E

The High Commissioner for Sicily has notified us of the necessity to replace the three prefects of Catania, Enna and Messina with prefects by career. The present prefects, being too attached to local interests, cannot be relied on to give a thorough and persevering administration of the provinces entrusted to them.

As it concerns prefects previously nominated by the Allied Military Government, we would like to have the approval of the A.C.C. before proceeding to the selection of the prefects by career for the three provinces.

BY ORDER OF THE MINISTER

*Fazio
Stancovelli
Bianco*

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Ministero dell'Interno
Gabinetto

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30 agosto 1944

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2a Commissione Alleata
di Controllo
Sottocommissione Interni
R O M A

Provincia
Pol. N. 6145 *Allegato*

Respettando il
Da *Per* *N.*

OGGETTO Sostituzione prefetti

L'Alto Commissario per la Sicilia ha segnalato la necessità di addivenire alla sostituzione, con prefetti di carriera, dei tre prefetti reggenti di Catania, Enna e Messina i quali, essendo eccessivamente legati agli interessi locali, non danno pieno affidamento per una sana ed obbiettiva amministrazione delle provincie ad essi affidate.

Trattandosi di incarichi conferiti a suo tempo dal Governo Militare Alleato, si gradirebbe avere l'assenso di codesta Commissione prima di procedere alla designazione dei prefetti di carriera da destinare alle tre provincie.

D'ORDINE DEL MINISTRO

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